

**APPROVED**  
**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**October 27, 2008**

**TIME**           The meeting convened at 7:05 P.M.

**PRESENT**       Vice-Chair Moore, Commissioners Berger, Longley-Cook, Kreitz and Krongold.

**ABSENT**       Chair Lord-Hausman, Commissioners Berger and Kirola.

**MINUTES**

The September 22, 2008 minutes were approved with corrections to agenda item one under New Business; and agenda item six under Oral Communications/Non Agenda Items.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There was no written communication.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. AB 1234 Mandatory Ethics Training (Secretary Akil):**

Secretary Akil reviewed the material for the ethics training and proposed that the December 8 CDI meeting be dedicated to complete the renewal certification.

Commissioner Krongold stated that she completed her ethics training last year and is not required to renew until 2009, to which Secretary Akil replied that she would confirm that information with the City Clerk's Office.

The remaining Commissioners agreed to commit to completing the certification renewal process during the December 8 meeting with no other business to address on the agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Community Outreach Proposal (Commissioner Krongold):**

Commissioners Krongold and Kreitz met to discuss strategies for the proposed outreach effort. Both Commissioners made the following suggestions:

- change the name to Disability Advocacy Fair;
- include booths similar to any other fair;
- schedule the event the same date as the Alameda Hospital Fair next year, during the month of October 2009; and
- utilize AC Transit or Paratranist to transport people to and from the fair.

Commissioner Kreitz stated that by having the fair the same day as the hospital fair, it would provide a wide array of booths for both disability and hospital issues.

Commissioners Krongold and Kreitz identified the proposed workgroup members, which includes Commissioners Krongold and Kreitz, Jim Franz, American Red Cross; John McChan, Head of Disaster Task Force; Jerry Juhala, Disaster Registry; Chuck Scanlon, Volunteer for Police; Steve Wasson, Hospital Board; and Dale Lillard, Director, Alameda Recreation and Park Department.

Commissioner Longley-Cook stated that all of the named individuals are already committed to the Hospital Fair.

Vice-Chair Moore stated that people would not want to have to travel back and forth between the two fairs and that the CDI should not attempt to incorporate the fair with the Alameda Hospital Fair, or compete with it.

Commissioner Berger stated that it is not a good idea to piggyback onto the Alameda Hospital Fair.

Commissioner Krongold stated that the first workgroup meeting is scheduled to meet on December 1 and that an email was sent to Jane Chisaki to check availability for a meeting room.

Commissioner Berger stated that the hospital fair attracts older age group individuals for health fair services specific to those types of needs. The CDI is looking for participation from the other end of the age group, including children, working parents and families with special needs. It may also not be a good idea to invite school districts to this type of fair.

Commissioner Kreitz responded that all services are included for the fair, including ARPD and AFD Disaster Registry, just to name a few.

Vice-chair Moore stated the CDI should not serve the same people twice, which include Alameda Hospital Fair participants. Vice-Chair Moore stated that the CDI needs to clarify whom they are trying to attract and define the purpose of this event.

Commissioner Kreitz responded that the CDI fair would include resources and services within the City of Alameda.

Vice-chair Moore suggested that the Commissioners return to a future meeting with an individual list of services of what the City provides and possible themes for a fair for the Commission.

Commissioner Krongold replied that suggestion would be included in the first work group discussion.

Board Secretary Akil reminded the Commissioners that its main purpose is to raise

awareness concerning accessibility issues and that any fair or activities that the Commission conducts, should focus on this aspect of the Commission's purpose and not overstep into other areas where existing Boards and Committees are already in place for those areas of concern.

Commissioner Berger responded that some resources are available outside of the City.

Commissioner Kreitz stated that the effort should start in Alameda and then build from there.

Vice-chair Moore asked where is the funding for this fair going to come from, to which Commissioner Krongold replied corporate support and in-kind donations with the help of Jim Franz from the American Red Cross.

Vice-chair Moore stated those are good ideas but the Commission should consider the fair on a different day, perhaps in September and the focus should be on the younger, disabled community.

Commissioner Krongold replied that will be part of the December 1 workgroup discussion.

Commissioner Kreitz asked if it was appropriate for the Commission to participate or be connected with fundraising or marketing activities, to which Secretary Akil replied that as volunteers to the City, the Commission could not participate or accept funds or donations. Secretary Akil stated that she would confirm everything with the City Attorney, as the fair comes together.

Commissioner Berger stated that if non-profits participate, costs will be low, to which Secretary Akil stated that will also be discussed with the City Attorney at the appropriate time.

Commissioner Longley-Cook stated that approximately five-years ago, the SSHRB brought all of the agencies, boards and commissions together, including the CDI, in Alameda to encourage working collaboratively on projects.

Commissioner Berger suggested that the CDI come back with a list of items for the fair during the first meeting in January 2009.

**2. Disability Awareness Month (Chair Lord-Hausman and Vice-Chair Moore):**

Vice-chair Moore stated that the Disability Awareness Month proclamation was well received at the October 7 City Council meeting. Vice-chair Moore also confirmed the tree planting location scheduled for November 8, which will be at the Fernside entrance to Lincoln Park.

**3. Commission Disability Internet Webpage (Chair Lord-Hausman/Secretary Akil):**

Secretary Akil stated that she and Chair Lord-Hausman were finalizing the webpage and would be meeting with the Information Technology Manager and the City's consultant regarding the drafts in the month of November.

**4. Bike Plan Task Force Committee (Commissioner Kreitz):**

Commissioner Kreitz stated that no committee meetings have been scheduled, nor has anyone contacted her regarding the task force. Commissioner Kreitz requested that this item be removed from future agenda's until she is able to provide information to the CDI.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary Akil stated that Commissioner John Robinson informed her of his resignation due to relocation to another city.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Commissioner Krongold requested that her email be corrected, to which Secretary Akil stated that would be done and that an updated roster would be mailed to everyone prior to the next Commission meeting.
2. Commissioner Longley-Cook attended the Sun-Cal Presentation and reported the following information from that presentation: in terms of housing, the ground floor apartments should be similar to the bungalows at Alameda Point; the developer should use tactile pavement to prevent slippage; pathway surfaces should be one that can easily be handled by walkers, wheelchairs, canes, and that benches should also be set along the paths; the picnic tables in the parks should have a section cut out so each table can accommodate a wheelchair; transit should be accessible; Sun Cal indicated that there should also be eco-paths so that people who live at Alameda Point can ride the shuttle or bus for free; and that 25% of the affordable housing units constructed will also include some accessible units.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, December 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia A. Akil  
Commission Secretary